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1. WHEN E/C COUNSELOR WAS ABLE TO REACH SECRETARY BETETA ON NOV. 11, LATTER SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO IMPART CONCERNING KENWORTH MEXICANA CASE, HE COULD SPEAK IN GENERAL TERMS ON ISSUE INVOLVED. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY GOM POLICY THAT ALL DOLLAR DEBTS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL, WERE PAYABLE AT THE RATE OF EXCHANGE EXISTING AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF PAYMENT.

2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST TO DRIVE CREDITORS OUT OF BUSINESS, AND THE GOM EXPECTED THAT MANY DEBTS WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, BETETA SAID IT WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT A CREDITOR MIGHT MAKE A FIGHT IN THE COURTS AGAINST FULL PAYMENT AS NOTED ABOVE. HOWEVER, AS A LAWYER AND AS SECRETARY OF HACIENDA, BETETA WAS CONVINCED THAT THE CREDITOR COULD NOT POSSIBLY WIN SUCH A SUIT.
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